

**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Severe Weather and Floods
FEMA-DR-1655-VA
STATE SITUATION REPORT # 26
1400 Hours 22 August 2006**

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(New or highlighted information is bold)

SUMMARY

Response and recovery operations are currently being provided from the FEMA/VDEM Joint Field Office (JFO) pursuant to the Presidential Disaster Declaration for the Commonwealth resulting from the substantial rainfall and flooding across portions of the Commonwealth during the period 23 Jun - 6 Jul 2006.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

JFO Operations:

Regular JFO FEMA/VDEM staff meetings continue to be conducted at the JFO on Tu & Th of each week at 0900 hours in the JFO Conference Room. VDEM staff meetings continue to be M & Th of each week at 0830 hours in the JFO Conference Room. Situation Reports are now issued weekly (Tu).

**State of Emergency and
Executive Order:**

By Executive Order, Governor Timothy Kaine declared a Statewide Emergency on 28 June 2006. President Bush declared a Major Disaster for the Commonwealth of Virginia on 13 July 2006 and nine jurisdictions eligible for the Public Assistance Program. The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is available statewide.

Pursuant to the Commonwealth's requests, four additional counties were approved by FEMA on 26 July 2006 and two counties were approved by FEMA letter on 3 August 2006 as also eligible for the Public Assistance Program. Including one jurisdiction awaiting final status, the following is the current eligible 16 jurisdictions (two cities and 14 counties):

Alleghany	Floyd	Alexandria (City of)
Bath	Henry	Arlington
Botetourt	Highland	Fairfax
Craig	Mecklenburg	King George
Dickenson	Rockbridge	Rappahannock
Galax (City of), awaiting final status		

On 15 August 2006, pursuant to non-approvals of requests for implementation of the Individual Assistance Program by FEMA, the Commonwealth requested a SBA disaster declaration for affected jurisdictions. On 18 August 2006, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced that the following jurisdictions had been declared a disaster area.

Arlington	Fairfax	Alexandria (City of)
Loudon	Fairfax (City of)	Falls Church (City of)
Prince William		

WEATHER

Forecast: Seven-day forecast (Tu-W-Th-F-Sa-Su-M): 22-28 Aug 2006: Today and tonight will be partly cloudy with a daily high of 90 and a nightly low of 66. Wednesday will be mostly sunny with a high of 91 and nightly low of 63. Thursday will be partly cloudy with a daily high of 89 and a nightly low of 65. Friday will be partly cloudy with a daily high of 87 and a nightly low of 67. Saturday will be sunny with a daily high of 87 and a nightly low of 69. Sunday will be mostly cloudy with a high of 89 and a nightly low of 68. Monday will be partly cloudy with a high of 88 and a low of 67.

The outer bands of a tropical depression were approaching the southern Cape Verde islands in the far eastern Atlantic and may become Tropical Storm Debby by Wednesday. This storm has maximum sustained winds near 35 mph, below the threshold for a tropical storm and well below hurricane strength of 74 mph, according to the National Hurricane Center.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SECTION (ESF-15)

Legislative Liaison: The 16 affected jurisdictions are represented by 60 legislators. JFO-Legislative Liaison is Mr. Art Warren (art.warren@vdem.virginia.gov).

Public Information Office (PIO) Distributed an SBA announcement news release to the media regarding the SBA Disaster Declaration on 18 August 2006. Attended the 21 August 2006 (Monday) opening of the SBA Center in Alexandria, VA and met with reporters of the *Mount Vernon Gazette* and WTTG-TV, local channel 5. Promoted the SBA Center opening with calls to several other media outlets. Coordinated with the SBA to develop a Spanish language flyer.

OPERATIONS SECTION

RESPONSE AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS BRANCH

ESF 1 – Transportation: Virginia Department of Transportation: **VDOT website continues to report** no primary roads and two secondary roads closed. Estimated completion dates for repairs to SR 697 in Franklin County and SR 620 in Mecklenburg County is **mid-late September 2006**.

ESF 14 – Long-term Community Recovery:

Initial Damage Assessment Reports:

Locality (37 each)	Private (18 each)	Public* (34 each)
Total	\$17,002,050	\$16,661,498

*Includes VDOT estimates and damages to state-owned facilities.

State Public Assistance (PA) Briefings:

Applicants' Briefings Conducted:

1.	Tue, 25 Jul 2006	Richmond, VA	Total Attendees: 20
2.	Wed, 26 Jul 2006	Fairfax, VA	Total Attendees: 71
3.	Thu, 3 Aug 2006	Salem, VA	Total Attendees: 25

Kick-off Meetings Conducted:

1.	Fri, 28 Jul 2006	Chantilly, VA	Total Attendees: 25
2.	Tue, 1 Aug 2006	Alexandria, VA	Total Attendees: 24
3.	Tue, 1 Aug 2006	Fancy Hill, VA	Total Attendees: 16
4.	Wed, 2 Aug 2006	Fairfax, VA	Total Attendees: 5
5.	Thu, 3 Aug 2006	King George, VA	Total Attendees: 5
6.	Thu, 3 Aug 2006	Salem, VA	Total Attendees: 5

7.	Mon, 7 Aug 2006	Arlington, VA	Total Attendees: 30
8.	Mon, 7 Aug 2006	Fairfax, VA	Total Attendees: 38
9.	Mon, 14 Aug 2006	Vienna, VA	Total Attendees: 5
10.	Mon, 14 Aug 2006	Herndon, VA	Total Attendees: 5
11.	Tue, 15 Aug 2006	Reagan WashNatAirpt	Total Attendees: 14

The Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) on VDEM website, www.vaemergency.com provides all current FEMA-1655-DR-VA public assistance program schedules, forms, and resource documents. See the section, Public Assistance Program.

The deadline for applicants to submit a Request for Public Assistance (RPA) for FEMA-1655-DR is COB of the following dates:

Amended 4 jurisdictions:	Sat	26 Aug 2006
Amended 2 jurisdictions:	Sat	2 Sep 2006

RPAs should be faxed to the JFO to the attention of Ms. Mona Ellington (tele. 804-270-4582). Then please mail the original to the JFO to the attention of Ms. Ellington. The JFO address is :

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RPAs have been received from the following state agencies, localities, and private non-profit organizations **(19 total)**:

Alexandria, (City of)	Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services, Inc.
Arlington County	Acacia Masonic Lodge 16 (Clifton, VA)
Alleghany County	Clifton (Town of)
Clifton Forge (Town of)	Washington Metropolitan Airport Authority
Fairfax County	Fairfax County Public Schools
Dickenson County	Virginia Dept of Transportation
King George County	Virginia Dept of Emergency Management
Vienna (Town of)	Virginia State Police
Herndon (Town of)	Lake Barcroft Watershed Improvement District
	Bath County Public Service Authority

On 15 August 2006, a local-state-federal team conducted a Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) for the City of Galax, VA. It was determined that the type of damages incurred in the City is eligible for reimbursement under FEMA regulations and the City of Galax, VA will be added to the declaration for Public Assistance and the JFO is awaiting final status.

As of COB, 21 August 2006, a total of 71 (current estimated projection is 190) PA project worksheets (PWs) has been entered into NEMIS for final FEMA review/approval and funding obligations. Current total amount obligated is \$682,959.96

Individual Assistance:

The SBA opened/plans to open the following two centers in northern Virginia:

SBA Disaster Outreach Centers:

1.	When:	1000 Hours, 21 August 2006 (Mon)
	Hours:	1000-1900 hours (10am-7pm) M-F
	Where:	8350 Richmond Highway (US Rte 1), Alexandria, VA
2.	When:	1000 Hours, 23 August 2006 (Wed)
	Hours:	1000-1900 hours (10am-7pm) M-F
	Where:	Alexandria City/Arlington County Parks & Rec Bldg, 3700 South Four Mile Run Drive, Arlington, VA

Mitigation:

State Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) continues working with several communities regarding National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) training, compliance, and enforcement.

Mitigation Training Courses Ongoing:

1. Course (E273): E273: Managing Development through the NFIP
When: 21-24 Aug 2006
Where: Richmond, VA
Attendees: **Applicants attending: 20**

Mitigation Training Courses Scheduled:

1. Course (E273): Managing Floodplain Development through the NFIP
When: 11-14 Sep 2006
Where: Roanoke, VA
Attendees: By letter invitation from VDEM. **Deadline: 30 Aug 2006.**
2. Course (E279): Retrofit Flood-prone Residential Buildings
When: 25-28 Sep 2006
Where: Richmond, VA
Attendees: By letter invitation from VDEM. **Deadline: 9 Sep 2006.**

The Administrative Plan for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) has been signed by the SCO and submitted to FEMA for review and approval.

HMGP Applicants' Briefings Completed:

1. When: Tue, 15 Aug 2006 (1300-1500 hours)
Where: Roanoke County, VA
Attendees: **Total: 15 (FEMA, VDEM, + declared/affected localities)**
2. When: Wed, 16 Aug, 2006 (1000-1200 hours)
Where: Lexington, VA
Attendees: **Total: 17 (FEMA, VDEM, + declared/affected localities)**
3. When: Thu, 17 Aug 2006 (1300-1500 hours)
Where: Fairfax, VA
Attendees: **Total: 14 (FEMA, VDEM, + declared/affected localities)**

The CRATER Regional Hazard Mitigation Plans: final approval received for following jurisdictions:

Claremont (Town of)	Colonial Heights (City of)	Prince George County
Hopewell (City of)	Petersburg (City of)	*Chesterfield County
*Dinwiddie County	*Greenville County	*Surry County
*Emporia (City of)	*Stoney Creek (City of)	

Note: *Final approval for these jurisdictions had already been obtained.

Amelia County Hazard Mitigation Plan has passed initial FEMA review (conditional approval) at the JFO and has been forwarded to FEMA Region III for final review.

PLANNING SECTION**ESF 5 – Emergency**

Continued VDEM support (planning/operations staffs, GIS, etc.) to the Special Assistant to the FCO, Robert Gunter, for Hurricane Preparedness readiness.

ESF 7 – Resource

VDEM JFO/Field staffing plan (through 8 Sep 2006) is on the VDEM “common drive.” Updated versions will be published periodically.

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION SECTION

Personnel Unit: Current VDEM JFO / field staffing is **38 (including 7 contractor personnel)**.

Administration Unit: Courier service (Trade Court-EOC-JFO-EOC-Trade Court) began Monday, 24 July 2006 and continues daily.

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